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CONFERENCE REPORTS

SB 1063 (Johnson)

Community Health budget

- The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1063 [RC 611: 29 yes, 4 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

SB 1064 (Johnson)

Corrections budget

- The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1064 [RC 608: 33 yes, 2 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

SB 1065 (Johnson)

Education budget

- The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1065 [RC 610: 35 yes, 3 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

SB 1069 (Johnson)

School Aid budget

- The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1069 [RC 609: 32 yes, 2 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1111 (SWITALSKI)

SB 1112 (SWITALSKI)

SBs 1111-12 to amend the revenue sharing act (SB 1111) and general property tax act (SB 1112) to provide the Governor's proposed shift in the collection date for county property taxes. In brief, the bills move ahead the

county operating millage collection date from December to July, via a three-year phase-in. The money would be collected in a Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund and counties would withdraw their revenue sharing from that fund until it was exhausted, at which time the state would need to replace that revenue. The pull-ahead creates a pool of \$1.4 billion for counties, from which they will withdraw their revenue sharing payments. The “increase” is really an accounting-only increase, in that it pulls ahead the payments of a future year’s taxes into a current fiscal year. In a given calendar year, a property owner’s tax burden would not change (but the tax would be paid sooner). However, there are a few dissenting voices calling this a “tax increase.”

SB 1111:

- SWITALSKI 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- Kuipers 1A was adopted.
- SB 1111 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1111 passed with IE [RC 612: 23 yes, 12 no].

SB 1112:

- SWITALSKI 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1112 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1112 passed [RC 613: 23 yes, 12 no].